

## CHAPTER 397.

AN ACT to declare the sanction of the General Assembly of Maryland to the holding and disposing of certain lots of ground by "The Trustees of the Sharp-Street Station of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the city of Baltimore," and the "African Methodist Bethel Church of the city of Baltimore," heretofore purchased by said churches and used as burial grounds.

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Sharp-Street Station of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the city of Baltimore, and the African Methodist Bethel Church of the city of Baltimore, two religious corporations under the Laws of this State, each bought, and for many years have held and used for burial purposes, lots of ground on or near to Bel Air avenue or Gay street, in the city of Baltimore, the longer use of which for burial purposes is rendered impracticable by the opening of streets and the advance of improvements, whose sanitary condition will not permit such use and the right of said corporations to hold or transfer said property after it ceases to be used for burial purposes being called in question; therefore,

Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the sanction of the General Assembly of Maryland be and the same is hereby given to the holding by "The Trustees of the Sharp-Street Station of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the city of Baltimore," and by the "African Methodist Bethel Church of the city of Baltimore," of the lots of ground on or near to Bel Air avenue or North Gay street in the city of Baltimore, heretofore held and used by them respectively for burial purposes, whether the same shall continue to be used for burial purposes or not, and if for sanitary reasons or from the advance

Sanction to hold.